



## City of Uvalde Critical Period Water Regulations

1. **Water waste prohibited.** Water waste is prohibited at all times. Water waste shall include allowing water run-off into a gutter, ditch, or drain; or failing to repair a controllable leak in a timely manner. Water users should reduce consumption by any available means.
2. **Residential watering.** Residential landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler is allowed only one time per week based on the geographic location within the residential garbage collection schedule. Watering times are from 6:00 am to 8:00 am and 8:00 pm to 12:00 midnight on your designated garbage route day only.
3. **Commercial watering.** Commercial landscape watering with an irrigation system or sprinkler will follow the residential garbage collection schedule and hours based on the geographic location of the business as opposed to the garbage collection schedule of the business.
4. **Drip Irrigation.** Drip irrigation systems for both commercial and residential properties must follow the residential irrigation schedule listed herein but may water from 6:00 pm to 12 midnight on the designated day. In addition, drip irrigation systems may use the calendar day immediately following the scheduled date to complete the watering cycle from 12 midnight to 6 am. No zone may be watered more than one time during the two day window for watering.
5. **Hand watering.** Hand watering with a hand-held hose is permitted after 8:00 pm in the evening and before 10:00 am in the morning every day. Hand-held hoses must be equipped with a positive pistol grip nozzle or other device that automatically shuts off water flow when the hose is not being used.
6. **Trees.** Trees may be watered at any time and any day using a hand-held hose, soaker hose, drip irrigation or five gallon bucket. Trees may also be flood irrigated if a berm is created surrounding the tree that does not allow water to escape and is no larger than 20 feet in diameter.
7. **Foundations** - Foundations may be watered at any time and any day using a soaker hose for the purpose of preventing settling and other foundation problems.
8. **Impervious Cover.** Washing impervious cover such as, but not limited to, parking lots, driveways, streets or sidewalks is prohibited. Health and safety exceptions to this rule may be requested from the City of Uvalde in writing.
9. **Vehicle washing.** Residential washing of vehicles or other equipment is allowed only on assigned watering days and times. A hose with an automatic shut-off nozzle or bucket of five gallons or less must be used. Water must not be allowed to run into the street. The use of commercial car wash facilities is authorized at any time.

10. **Children's Toys.** Children's toys, such as slip-n-slides, kiddie pools, and sprinklers are allowed any day at any time, but must be placed over pervious cover and no water may be allowed to run off into a gutter, ditch or drain. The toys must be covered or turned off when not in use.
11. **Pools.** Pools over 7,500 gallons may not be filled with municipal water. Non-public pools that are already filled may be refilled to required maintenance level on allowed watering days only, unless using a non-municipal source of water. All non-public swimming pools must have a minimum of 25% of the surface area covered when not in use. The use of a chemical additive that prevents evaporation will satisfy this requirement.
12. **Golf Courses, Athletic Fields and Parks.** Operators of golf courses, athletic fields and parks must submit a watering conservation plan to the City of Uvalde Code Enforcement office. Athletic fields and parks may not irrigate between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. and must irrigate each section of landscape only one time per week, unless a variance has been granted for 100 percent non-potable water use.
13. **Hotels and Motels.** Hotels, motels and other lodging must limit linen/towel changes to once every three nights, except for health and safety concerns.
14. **Restaurants.** All restaurants are prohibited from serving water to patrons except upon request.
15. **Fountains.** The use of fountains, waterfalls, or other aesthetic water features (outdoors or indoors) is prohibited, unless a variance has been granted for 100 percent non-potable water use.
16. **Surcharge Accessed.** A drought surcharge is hereby assessed during Stage restrictions as declared by the Edwards Aquifer Authority on all monthly water consumption in excess of 20,000 gallons per user per month. The surcharge is applied to the existing utility rate tiers as found in the Uvalde Municipal Code Section 13.16.020(1)(b)(ii) and 13.16.020(1)(b)(iii):
  - o **Tier 2:** The rate per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof over 20,000 gallons and up to 50,000 gallons in any one month, and
  - o **Tier 3:** The rate per 1,000 gallons or fraction thereof over 50,000 gallons in any one month.

The surcharge is applied for every month that the City of Uvalde remains in Stage water restrictions as follows:

- o **Stage 2:** Multiply the existing rates for **Tier 2 by 115%** and **Tier 3 by 125%**
- o **Stage 3:** Multiply the existing rates for **Tier 2 by 125%** and **Tier 3 by 175%**
- o **Stage 4:** Multiply the existing rates for **Tier 2 by 150%** and **Tier 3 by 250%**
- o **Stage 5:** Multiply the existing rates for **Tier 2 by 200%** and **Tier 3 by 300%**

For households with secondary irrigation meters for landscape irrigation only, the surcharges will be applied to the total consumption of the irrigation meter based on the rates established in Tier 3 for the applicable stage.